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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in its report (A/47/690, para. 10)

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 29th meeting, held on 19 November 1992, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/47/49) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction" recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/47/690). The recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were presented orally by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/47/SR.29).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/47/690), it would need to authorize the Secretary-General to provide, on an exceptional basis, the required

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services to the Preparatory Commission as a reimbursable advance from the General Fund of up to $626,600 to be reimbursed to the United Nations by the Preparatory Commission within 90 days of the anticipated beginning of rendering of services by the United Nations, that is, before 15 April 1993, and on the understanding that reimbursement of that advance would be an absolute priority on the resources of the Preparatory Commission.